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SUBJ: DEVELOPMENTS IN UPI LENINGRAD SITUATION

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1. IN COURSE OF ROUTINE BUSINESS CALL AT LENINGRAD TASS BUREAU MONDAY (JAN 17), UPI LENINGRAD BUREAU CHIEF EMIL SVEILIS APPROACHED BY TASS CHIEF ALEKSANDR OSIPOV WHO APOLOGIZED PERSONALLY FOR THEFT OF SVEILIS' WHEEL AS REPORTED REFTEL. OSIPOV SAID HE HAD SPOKEN TO HEAD OF LENINGRAD MILITIA AND TOLD HIM THEFT IN FRONT OF ASTORIA HOTEL IN PRESENCE OF TWO MILITIAMEN INEXCUSABLE. OSIPOV REITERATED THIS OPINION TO SVEILIS, THOUGH HE OBSERVED AT SAME TIME THAT THEFT OF AUTOMOBILE PARTS IS COMMON IN USSR BECAUSE OF SHORTAGES.

2. LUNCHEON FOR SVEILIS TUESDAY (JAN 18) WENT OFF AS SCHEDULED. SVEILIS REPORTS ATMOSPHERE VERY CORDIAL. WHEN SVEILIS BROUGHT UP HIS PROBLEMS, OSIPOV ASKED HIM TO DEFER DISCUSSION UNTIL NEXT DAY, AND SET UP APPOINTMENT AT TASS OFFICE.

3. YESTERDAY (JAN 19) SVEILIS MET WITH OSIPOV AS REQUESTED.

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ALSO PRESENT WAS FYODOR SIMONOV, HEAD OF TASS INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DIVISION IN MOSCOW. SVEILIS SET FORTH HIS PROBLEMS AND SUGGESTED WAYS SOVS COULD FACILITATE HIS WORK. HE GAVE SEVERAL SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF INSTANCES IN WHICH HE WAS PURSUING STORIES--E.G. STORY ON LENINGRAD WINTER FESTIVAL--CLEARLY IN INTEREST OF SOVS IN WHICH HE HAS BEEN STYMIED BY REFUSAL OF SOVIET AGENCIES TO GIVE HIM NEEDED INFORMATION. SVEILIS REPORTS

THIS SEEMED TO MAKE BIG IMPRESSION ON OSIPOV AND SIMONOV.

4. SVEILIS FEELS OSIPOV APOLOGY MONDAY LIKELY TO BE ONLY
RESPONSE TO UPI PROTEST. CONGEN AND EMBASSY CONTEMPLATE NO
ACTION AT PRESENT.

5. FYI SVEILIS REPORTS THAT HEAVY, OBVIOUS SURVEILLANCE
MENTIONED REFTEL APPEARS TO HAVE DIMINISHED SINCE PROTEST
FILED JANUARY 14.
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